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SUBJECT: MPLA POLITICAL BUREAU ISSUES COMMUNIQUE

1. MPLA'S POLITICAL BUREAU HAS ISSUED A LONG AND COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNIQUE, READ OVER THE AIR BY MPLA PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO AND PUBLISHED IN LOCAL PRESS OCTOBER 20 AND 21. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINS FAMILIAR DIATRIBE AGAINST FNLA AND UNITA, CHARGING THAT THES ARE PUPPET AND SECESSIONIST ORGANIZATIONS WHICH SERVE AS A COVER FOR IMPERIALISM, WITH THE BACKING OF PORTUGUESE AND OTHER MERCENARIES, THE PIDE/DGS (FORMER PORTUGUESE POLITICAL POLICE), SOUTH AFRICAN REACTIONARIES, ZAIRIAN REGULAR TROOPS, THE CIA, ETC., AS WELL AS FAMILIAR CLAIM OF AN INVASION OF NORTHERN ANGOLA BY ZAIRIANS.

2. COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO CRITICIZE PORTUGAL'S RECENT DISCUSSION  
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OF ANGOLAN QUESTION AT UN AS FOLLOWS: "THE POSITION ASSUMED

IN THE UN BY PORTUGAL THROUGH ITS FOREIGN MINISTER WOULD, THEREFORE, APPEAR TO BE UNREALISTIC IN PROPOSING A NEW QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE WITH THE MEDIATION AND SUPPORT OF SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES, WITHIN THE PRINCIPLES OF ALVOR, LONG SINCE SUSPENDED BY PORTUGAL." COMMUNIQUE TAKES PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT TO TASK FOR NOT FAILING TO DENOUNCE UNEQUIVOCALLY EITHER THE TIES OF "SECESSIONISTS" (I.E., FNLA AND UNITA) WITH REACTIONARIES ABROAD OR THE "INVASIONS" IN NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN ANGOLA, AND ADDS THAT THIS FAILURE MAY BE THE REASON FOR PORTUGAL'S APPEALING FOR SUPPORT FROM THE UN AND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY RATHER THAN SEEKING A SOLUTION THROUGH THE OAU. PORTUGAL, IT CLAIMS, IS SIMPLY ATTEMPTING TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE ANGOLAN CONFLICT, AN EFFORT TO WHICH MPLA AND THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE ARE CATEGORICALLY OPPOSED.

3. TURNING TO PORTUGAL'S TURNOVER OF POWER ON NOVEMBER 11, COMMUNIQUE STATES THAT IDEA OF THREE OF THE ALVOR SIGNATORIES BEING PRESENT AT THE LOWERING OF THE PORTUGUESE FLAG IN ANGOLA DOES NOT ACCORD WITH REALITY; THAT WHEREAS PORTUGUESE FORCES HAD PREVIOUSLY WITHDRAWN FROM AREAS CONTROLLED BY FNLA AND UNITA, NOW THEY ARE ABOUT TO WITHDRAW FROM TERRITORY CONTROLLED BY MPLA.

4. COMMUNIQUE APPEALS TO PORTUGUESE PEOPLE, "GOOD PORTUGUESE" RESIDING IN ANGOLA, AND PEOPLES THROUGHOUT THE WORLD TO PRESSURE THEIR GOVERNMENTS TO OPPOSE INTERNATIONALIZATION OF ANGOLAN CONFLICT. IT APPEALS TO THE OAU TO DENOUNCE THE USE OF MERCENARIES BY ANGOLA'S ENEMIES, AND TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ANGOLA'S NEIGHBORS NOT TO INTERFERE IN ANGOLA. IT STATES THAT ONCE INDEPENDENCE IS PROCLAIMED, MPLA GUARANTEES TO INSURE CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT THROUGH "AN ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNION" WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE COUNTRY'S TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND TO STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL UNITY AND HARMONY; SOCIAL JUSTICE; RIGHTS OF ALL NATIONS AND FOREIGNERS; FUNDAMENTAL LIBERTIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL; AND "PROTECTION OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE IN THE HANDS OF NATIONALS AND FOREIGNERS WHICH IS USEFUL TO THE LIFE AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE."

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